

**CITY OF KANKAKEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2020  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Reverend Scott Henley from Asbury United Methodist Church Larry Garcia and go on to the Pledge of Allegiance by the City Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BILL HERTZ:** *(Declined to make comments)*

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Moving on to Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **PRESENT:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Present (0) Absent

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Department Heads.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Ellexson, Hoffman, Brewer-Watson.

**MINUTES**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to the minutes for Tuesday, February 18th, 2020. Do I have a motion to approve the minutes?

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move.

**ALD COBBS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any edits or corrections? All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign...Minutes are approved. Moving on to

## PETITIONS

**ITEM 7A:** Minutes of the Planning Board-Tuesday, February 11, 2020  
(*Informational Only*).

**ITEM 7B:** PB-2020-1-1- Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map  
Amendment from C-2 to R-2 for 1004 South Washington  
Street in the City of Kankakee, Illinois (Requested by  
William Ribolzi) (PIN# 16-17-05-315-001)  
(*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will  
interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** So move.

**ALD GALL:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by  
Alderwoman Gall. Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall,  
Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall,  
Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the  
ordinance on final passage?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** So move.

**ALD GALL:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman O'Brien Seconded by  
Alderwoman Gall. Any discussion?

**MIKE HOFFMAN:** No...this is a property that was already identified as...  
property owner as anxious to get that done...we  
Held a Public Hearing...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other discussion? Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall,  
Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Osenga, Gall,  
Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 7C.

**ITEM 7C:** PB-2020-1-8- Ordinance Issuing a Conditional Use Permit to Dam Good Farm, INC., for an Indoor Industrial Hemp Grow Facility in the C-2 District-800-816 South Schuyler Avenue (PIN# 16-17-05-306-001)

**MIKE HOFFMAN:** Barbi and her team have actually been studying...prior to getting to that we had a business person in town who currently has a ...farm out in the country and he would like to do some in door production at the property he owns of South Schuyler...we held a Public Hearing with the Planning Board last month on this particular case and heard the conditions of the case. We had some neighbors present and they were excited to have improvements to the property which is going to be required...It is a high tech operation...the Planning Board is supportive of this. The owner does have the Hemp Grower's License and has submitted it to us (*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:**What is the time frame for the improvements?

**MIKE HOFFMAN:** He won't get his operators...until its done. There is not a specific time frame on this...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:**May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

**ALD GALL:** So move.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

**ALD GALL:** So move.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Gall Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Any discussion?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Mike, I know there was discussion at the Planning Board regarding parking. How was it resolved...Schuyler and the alley? Is that the resolution?

**MKE HOFFMAN:** Yes....there won't be a lot of employees. There will be adequate space to accommodate...

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Roll Call please...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 7D.

**ITEM 7D:** Memorandum Detailing Ward 7 Annexation and Zoning into the City of Kankakee (Information Only)

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on Items 7E through 7L.

**ITEM 7E:** PB 2019-12-1- Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to R-1 Certain Territory in the City of Kankakee, Illinois and Adopting an Annexation Agreement-Willow Street Parcel 1 (Pin# 16-09-33-203-022)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

**ITEMS 7F:** PB 2019-12-2-Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to R3 Certain Territory in the City of Kankakee, Illinois-Willow Street Parcel 2 (PIN# 16-09-33-203-023) (Parcel Does Not Have a Street Address, and Currently Provides Parking for an Adjacent Apartment Complex)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

**ITEM 7G:** PB-2020-1-2-Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to 1-2 Certain Territory in the City of Kankakee – 1855 Grinnell Road Tract 3 (PIN# 17-09-28-400-057)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

**ITEM 7H:** PB 2020-1-3-Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to 1-2  
Certain Territory in the City of Kankakee – 1855 Grinnell  
Road Tract 1, 2 (PIN# 17-09-28-400-058)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

**ITEM 7I:** PB 2020-1-3-Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to 1-2  
Certain Territory in the City of Kankakee – 1350 Standard  
Drive (PIN# 17-09-28-400-055)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

**ITEM 7J:** PB 2020-1-5-Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to 1-1  
Certain Territory in the City of Kankakee – 2201 Grinnell  
Road Tract 1, 2 (PIN# 16-09-33-200-021)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

**ITEM 7K:** PB 2020-1-6-Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to 1-1  
Certain Territory in the City of Kankakee – 2251 Grinnell  
(PIN# 16-09-33-200-010)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

**ITEM 7L:** PB 2020-1-3-Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to 1-2  
Certain Territory in the City of Kankakee – 1350 Standard  
Drive (PIN# 17-09-28-400-069)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** If there are no objections I would like to combine Items 7E  
through 7L. All of these properties are located in the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ward. Are there any objections to combining these Items?  
Alderman Curtis?

**ALD CURTIS:** I have a different vote on a couple of these. So, how do we  
handle that?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Which ones?

**ALD CURTIS:** E is different from the other ones I think.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Is that the only one?

**ALD CURTIS:** Just E for me.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will  
Interfere with the passing of the ordinances 7E-7L?

**ALD BROWN:** Motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the  
passing of the ordinances.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Item E (*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*). May I have a motion to place this ordinance on final passage?

**ALD BROWN:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Brown Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion on this item? Alderman Curtis?

**ALD CURTIS:** The reason I wanted to separate Item 7E is my understanding is that Corporate Council was at the Planning Commission representing this particular property. They were open to either have an I1 or I2 zoning or at least an R1. They didn't want R2 or R3 because of growing agricultural there. They have no problem, they are agreeing to annex in the City...R1 zoning...I wanted to separate this one out.

**MIKE HOFFMAN:** Just to clarify, this is the only we are proposing annexation agreement that the attorney for the...request annexation just to clarify that he would like to continue to farm on the property...until use...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other discussion? Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Items 7F – 7L

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** If there are no objections I would like to combine Items 7F through Item 7L ( *2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*). May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD BROWN:** Motion to approve.

**ALD TETTER:** Second

**MAYOR WELL-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion on these items?

**ALD CURTIS:** I just want to make comments again. I did talk to a couple of the owners of these properties today. I guess Alderman O'Brien had mentioned when we did this the last time about a month ago, I think it would be good if we were reaching out to these owners. These Petition are basically coming from the City of Kankakee and doing forced annexation. I think it would be good if we have a business retention...to be meeting with these businesses and doing pre-annexation agreements, that is typically how you do an annexation. The owners have been paying into the City vehicle stickers and helps out the City and everything. He is really frustrated that he was told he's been getting away with not paying for many years now deal with it. Again, I think its good business practice to sit down and talk with these owners ahead of time. It would be them coming petitioning to come forward with a... agreement verses the City of Kankakee forced annex. That is my opinion

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Alderman Curtis. Mike Hoffman, can you walk through the process of annexation?

**MIKE HOFFMAN:** There are two ways that an annexation can be done. The City can in certain cases force annexation for obvious situations. If the property is entirely surrounded by the city already or surrounded by three sides and that's the case in everyone tonight, essentially a donut hole...We do send certified mail to the property owners. Several of them did call the office and we talked to several of them. We didn't talk to all of them because they did not all contact us. The ones that called were really just asking questions. A couple of them asked actually thought the property was already in Kankakee, within the City limits. None of them in this

batch particularly expresses a major objection. The property tax bill will go up and that is something they are not excited about for sure. The truth is we have maintained and taken care of the roads in front of the property for years without any expense directly. To be fair to the existing property owners and to be able to control the future development of the property it makes sense to annex them in.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Mike. I just want to say, this is something we inherited. We have a lot of properties in the City that are not correctly zoned which is why we have been having meetings with all the Council members to talk about these specific issues. There has been some confusion. As leadership we need to make sure we are properly communicating with our residents and our community. There was a comment made about imminent domain. As Mike Hoffman stated, by law we can do a forced annexation. We are not forced annexing because we are picking on people, everybody is notified when this process is going on. There are properties people would ride by and think they are in the City of Kankakee and they are not. They have been getting services; fire, streets, salt for years and they are not in the City so we are bringing them into the City. Imminent domain is when the City takes the property from the property owner and develop that property for public use. We are not doing imminent domain with any of these properties. These properties remain under the ownership of the property owner. I want to make that very clear...a comment was mentioned at the last meeting, we are not doing imminent domain that is not true. The other thing as far as taxes. I don't have a problem paying taxes because taxes provide services. It is fair and equitable. If you are getting services from the City of Kankakee that you pay your share of taxes just like the people around you are doing. There was a comment about that as well. That this wasn't American. In America, we pay taxes if we want our streets paved and if we want our kids to play in parks. We want services so that's why we pay taxes. There are countries that don't and they don't have those services for residents. This is not to pick on anybody again, everyone is notified that we are doing this and they have the opportunity to respond. I have been the Mayor for the last 2 1/2 years, nobody has contacted me about this. Everybody knows who our City staff are nobody has contacted them. So if people have an



issue, I encourage them to reach out to the office or reach out to the team. We are doing this to be fair and get things properly zoned. Okay, Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Curtis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga  
(8) Ayes (6) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Communications

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**ITEM 8A:** Merchant Street Art Gallery is Requesting Street Closure to Host the "Run for Autism" on Sunday June 21, 2020, From 7:00 A.M. Until 12:00 P.M.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD GALL:** So move.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Any discussion? All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Moving on to Standing Committee Reports, we have none. Moving on to the Reports of Officers.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**ALD FAFORD:** I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$1,175,609.51.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Tall, Crawford  
(12) Ayes (2) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Community Development Agency bills. May I have a motion to approve the CDA bills in the amount of \$368,152.16?

**ALD SWANSON:** I so move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Tall, Crawford  
(12) Ayes (2) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 11 Unfinished Business we have none. Moving on to Item 12 New Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 12A:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 238 of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois Establishing a Two Way Stop Intersection at South Myrtle Avenue and East River Street (*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** This is regarding public safety. There has not been any stop signs from Nelson Street to Harrison on River for years. So we are looking to make the community more safe particularly around the school Steuben.

**NIEL PIGGUSH:** Everyone has a copy of the traffic committee minutes. From October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We looked at several intersections that were brought to our attention. One of the things they asked us to look at is River Street. Look on page 6 we have...all the accident data for River Street. We recently added a 2 way stop...in front of Steuben and we are proposing a second 2 way stop on River Street at Myrtle. If you look at the amount of accidents, these are accidents within the last 5 years that occurred. It only takes

2 accidents in 3 years or 3 accidents in 5 years to warrant additional traffic control. Some of these intersections are looking at 15-20 accidents in the last 5 years...  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

**ALD COBBS:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

**ALD COBBS:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Cobbs Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion?

**ALD COBBS:** I was kind of concerned about it being...the business Owner on River Street who has surveillance of many of the accidents...one spent the car totally around. We do have one on Wildwood 4 blocks from the school east of Steuben about 4 blocks south of LCC which is pretty much the pathway for kids to travel. I think it would be a good thing to slow that down a little bit. In order for a car to be spent around, they had to be doing about 30 – 40 miles per hour.

**ALD CURTIS:** I agree...I had a couple calls. People were happy with the one at Wildwood but felt as if we need a second one. I do see the safety issue. As Alderman Cobbs alluded to there are as many people against as for it. I think have to go the safe route.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** How many were at that intersection?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** 13 at Wildwood and 14 at Myrtle. The other thing is River Street is really wide there is not a lot of cars parked on River Street so people feel very comfortable driving fast...I have been on that street where people were up to 40-50 miles per hour. It's easy to do when no one is around you and you have a wide road to travel on and no stop signs.

**ALD OSENGA:** When we did the first one a month and a half ago. I reached out to the four Alderman down in that area. I asked them if they were advised about this and if they were comfortable with it and all four Aldermen said they had not been contacted. I understand wanting to do it but I think the Aldermen in that particular Ward should be contacted and they should have some input in these situations.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Alderman Osenga, you have been gone for a month. I have met with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward and Ward 6. So I did contact them and I reach out to you guys regularly to talk about issues in your Ward. So I did meet with both of them.

**ALD OSENGA:** Okay, but before we voted on this at the last Council meeting...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Alderman Osenga you are out of order.

**ALD OSENGA:** I reached out to them...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** ...

**ALD OSENGA:** Gabble me all you want. That's true.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Where are we at? Roll Call

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown...

**ALD CURTIS:** Can I speak please. I have a suggestion I just want to follow up on. Can we put Jasmyne or something...I know the last time it kind of popped up and some residents were like, "Oh my gosh, it's a stop sign". If we can out something out on the City news before we put the stop sign up?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Pete, did DPW put flags on the stop sign too?

**PETE SCHIEL:** Yes they put flags and then...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Can you have them do that again. We will cover it.

*(Roll Call Vote Continues)*

**CLERK DUMAS:** Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall,  
Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall,  
Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Items 12B and 12C

**ITEM 12B:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 231 Entitled  
"Handicapped Parking" of the Municipal Code of the City  
of Kankakee Handicapped Parking Signs Established at  
765 South Evergreen Avenue (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**ITEM 12C:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 231 Entitled  
"Handicapped Parking" of the Municipal Code of the City  
of Kankakee Handicapped Parking Signs Established at  
396 South Fraser (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** If there are no objections I would like to combine Items  
12B and 12C. May I have a motion to suspend the rules  
that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move.

**ALD COBBS:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded  
By Alderman Cobbs. Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall,  
Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall,  
Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the  
ordinances on final passage?

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move.

**ALD COBBS:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall Seconded by  
Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion? Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12D

**ITEM 12D:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 172 Entitled "No Parking Zones on Streets and Alleys Designated" of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois – Kennedy Drive from Court Street to Brookmont Boulevard.

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This is IDOT's project from Armour Road to down to Court Street. They will do some resurfacing, ADA upgrades and various patching. Part of the agreement...they had no records of no parking on Kennedy Drive and it is a requirement that we pass this ordinance.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

**ALD LEWIS:** So move.

**ALD TALL:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded By Alderman Tall. Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD LEWIS:** So move.

**ALD TALL:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded By Alderman Tall. Any discussion on this item?

**ALD COBBS:** Am I understanding right that at this point and time there

are no parking ordinance for those streets that were mentioned?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Just for Kennedy Drive in the City limits from Brookmont Boulevard to South of Court Street.

**ALD COBBS:** There is no ordinance they says people couldn't park there before today...

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** That is what IDOT is telling us. Yes.

**ALD COBBS:** That was my question. Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other discussion? Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12E

**ITEM 12E:** Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of the City's Franchise Agreement with Aqua Illinois, Inc., from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022  
(1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**MIKE MCGRATH:** This just extends the current terms of the agreement through the dates listed

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD CURTIS:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded By Alderman Curtis. Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinances on final passage?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD CURTIS:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson Seconded by Alderman Curtis. Any discussion? Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12F.

**ITEM 12F:** Recommendation to Accept Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Kankakee in the Amount of \$12,210.00 for the Proposed ADA Sidewalk Improvements on City Side Street on US Route 45/52 From Brookmont Boulevard to Illinois Route 17 (Court Street).

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This is the agreement between IDOT and the City to reconstruct the ADA ramps on all the City side streets and cover 80% of the cost. The City will be responsible for 20 % estimated is what the \$12,210.00 is.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to accept the recommendation?

**ALD TALL:** So move.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion?

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Where will \$12,210.00 come from out of Motor Fuel Tax or General Fund?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** That is going to come out of Motor Fuel Tax.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other discussion? Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall,



Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall,  
Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12G.

**ITEM 12G:** Recommendation to Accept Preliminary/Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds from Piggush Engineering, Inc., In the Amount of \$15,046.08 for the Proposed Alley Drainage and Pavement Improvements Between Seventh and Eighth Avenue, Section 19-00283-00-DR

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This is for construction, engineering, inspection and material testing.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to accept the recommendation?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD FAFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**ABSTAIN:** Gall  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12H

**ITEM 12H:** Recommendation to Accept Preliminary/Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds from Piggush Engineering, Inc., in the Amount of \$39,751.52, for Safe Routes to School on Illinois Route 17 (Court Street) from Orchard Road to Nelson Road, Section 19-00282-00SW

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This is the same, for construction, engineering, inspection and material testing. This is federal funds. The material testing and inspections are a little more stringent on this one. It's a greater scope than the alley project. So that's the difference.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to accept the recommendation?

**ALD BROWN:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion?

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Is this the project going on in front of Abe Lincoln School?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** King School.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Did we get a grant for that?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Yes, the City got \$200K grant from this project.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** So, why are we taking money out of Motor Fuel Tax now?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** We applied for \$200K once we went through the design review process with IDOT as well as there was some cost that came in a little higher than we anticipated...run the electrical feed up Taylor to tie into the existing pole and controller on Court Street

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**ABSTAIN:** Gall  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12I

**ITEM 12I:** Recommendation to Accept Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Safe Routes to School on Illinois Route 17 (Court Street) from Orchard Road to Nelson Road, Section 19-00282-00SW

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This is the resolution authorizing MFT Funds for the City's portion of the match. You will notice its \$25K which is more than the \$12K. We asked IDOT to extend their limits a little bit on the side streets...time points on the projects. It will also cover some of those costs.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to accept the recommendation?

**ALD BROWN:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**ABSTAIN:** Gall  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. We have no Appointments. Moving on to Item 13.

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Sorry, I misspoke on that item. I was looking at 13A. I apologize. That previous resolution was for the Safe Walk to School Project.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** You are talking about I correct?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Yes, we were on 12 I and I commented on 13A my apologies.

**ITEM 13A:** Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for the City of Kankakee 20% Share of the proposed ADA Sidewalk Improvements on City Side Streets on US Route 45/52 from Brookmont Boulevard to Illinois Route 17 (Court Street)

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** So, 13A is the resolution for the \$25K for the ADA improvements and the side street repavements...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** That coincides with 12F?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** That is correct.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion to accept the resolution.

**ALD TALL:** So move.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**ABSTAIN:** Gall  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13B.

**ITEM 13B:** Supplemental Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for Construction and Construction Engineering for the Proposed Alley Drainage and Pavement Improvements Between Seventh and Eighth Avenue, Section 19-00283-00-DR

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** This coincides with 12G under New Business. This is in Ward 4. Motion to accept the resolution.

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD FAFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussion? Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**ABSTAIN:** Gall  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13C.

**ITEM 13C:** Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for Safe Routes to School on Illinois Route 17 (Court Street) from Orchard Road to Nelson Road  
Section 19-00282-00SW

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion to accept the resolution.

**ALD TETTER:** So move.

**ALD BROWN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Brown. Any discussion? Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**ABSTAIN:** Gall  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13D

**ITEM 13D:** Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for Portion of Phase Engineering of the Kankakee Riverfront Trail from Kennedy Drive South to West Station Street, Section 18-00276-02-BT

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This agreement was recently approved by IDOT ...we are approving the authorization...funds in the full agreement amount so the Consultant fee can be paid while waiting on the federal reimbursement of the ITEP grant. They are behind about 2 months and the reimbursement will go right back into the account.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Elizabeth, do you have anything to add to that?

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** The only thing I would add is to remind the Council that we are receiving \$100k per month now. It's not the historical number in our heads. Over the last 5 months the average has been \$102K per month. I will give that information to the Council.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion to accept the resolution.

**ALD LEWIS:** So move.

**ALD TALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderman Tall. Any discussion?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Neil, it will be about 2 months then we will get that money and refund the account?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** That what the average has been. It depends on whose

Processing payments down in Springfield. IDOT District 3 request the money from the feds...this is just to keep the project moving.

**ALD CURTIS:** The amount \$100,840.00 will we get reimbursed 100% of that or is there a matching portion on our part?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** 20% is the match so the City's portion is \$20.160.00 of that. It's technically the net ...

**ALD CURTIS:** Will we pull that out of MFT or will it come out of another account? The match...

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** We are expecting the match to come out of MFT.

**ALD CURTIS:** We can do that for that particular project?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Yes.

**ALD CURTIS:** Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Aldermen Curtis. Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall  
Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Crawford,  
(13) Ayes (1) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13E.

**ITEM 13E:** Supplemental Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for Preliminary Engineering for the Reconstruction of Hobbie Avenue Between Fair Street and Court Street, Section 15-00278-00-FP

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This is the same thing we get the \$400K from...there is a delay in getting reimbursements...authorizations of the funds we pay out of MFT until we are reimbursed

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion to accept the resolution.

**ALD PRUDE:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Prude and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion?

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Is there match on this one? Is it coming out of Motor Fuel too?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** We have already approved the previous resolution for the \$120K that's the match for the engineering. This \$480K is the federal portion just until we get the reimbursement.

**ALD CURTIS:** Is the timeline for this one about the same or is this a little different because this comes from MPO correct?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** It's about the same. We have got federal monies for Brookmont Blvd...really it should be a little quicker out of MPO.

**ALD CURTIS:** These amounts are getting...north of a half million...affect our streets and overlays coming up this summer.

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** You have about \$800K in the account now and we are getting \$100K per month...another 12 months...

**ALD CURTIS:** Okay.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Osenga  
**ABSTENTION:** Gall  
(12) Ayes (1) Nays (1) Abstention

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13E.

**ITEMS 13F:** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Certify the Abatement of Bond Levies for Bonds Previously Issued Under the City's Full Faith and Credit (General Obligation) and to Authorize the City Clerk to Deliver the Certifications to the Clerk of Kankakee County.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** We did our Tax Levy in December 2019 and these abatements are included. We are not putting additional burden on the tax payers.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:**

This is our tradition every late February early March. We have to officially notify the County Clerk's office as to the bonds that will be abated. Meaning we have a different revenue stream to pay those bonds with. I have the total amount of bonds due, we have the abatements, then we have the total that we take out of the abatements and that's the total that we will put on the levy for the bonds...Now we have to tell the County Clerk's office excuse these... besides ESU the one outstanding bond...TIF #6 portion we can take from there and the last two is TIF#8....this is technically a formality this time of year.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the resolution?

**ALD TETTER:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. No need for Executive Session. Moving on to Item 16 Alderman & Alderwomen Comments.

### **ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS**

**ALD CURTIS:** I would like to remind the Council Members we have a License & Franchise meeting on Thursday at 5:30 P.M. We will have the liquor license to discuss and it is important that we have a quorum.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Can you give me an update after that meeting? Thank you.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** We have the Budget Committee Meeting at Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. in the Training Room. We will have a financial presenter as well as the audits...if everyone could be there it is a good one to attend.



**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to Department heads.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- NEIL PIGGUSH:** River Street Bridge update.  
DPW notified me on February 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the falling concrete. We took pictures and sent to CN...they sent someone out right away...closed the road immediately. For a structure assessment...There is no damage but we need something in writing them. Their plan is more scaling of concrete and cages...and fiber wrap it. We opened the street beneath the street for traffic. CN was very responsive...inspections will be on a weekly/bi-weekly basis right now.
- STEVE BERTRAND:** Tomorrow is another candidate forum at 5:30 is the 79<sup>th</sup> forum. Charlene Eads and Robert Ellington Snipes. At 6:45 is the County Auditors forum...
- PETE SCHIEL:** The traffic cabinet on 5<sup>th</sup> and Court has been replaced and everything is back in services. That evening the power line underground failed we put a generator there temporarily but everything is back in service. Washington: the contractor is doing directional boring in that area. They are continuing as expected.
- CHIEF KOSMAN:** We have extra patrol on Washington with the lights out.
- JAZMYN HUMBLE:** Our City News Letter comes out...we have been getting more letter request and you can also subscribe...thank you to everyone who attended Selma.
- BARBI BREWER-WATSON:** Tomorrow from noon to 1P.M. is another ECDA Workshop in the conference room. It is part of the series...spending. Spend lunch with us in our office. Also, its census time so please be talking about census everywhere you go.
- MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** They will be mailing out census forms at the end of the month. No email links for census. That is fraudulent. On the official census day are planning an event... April 1st encouraging self-report. River Street maintenance is about 4 to 6 weeks. We do not own the bridge that is Canadian National... the bridge is structurally sound. Jasmyne you and Neil did a great job getting that information out there. The RISE Act... by the state of Illinois...there will be an

event on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Library for undocumented students/Transgender...funding available through MAP. The MFT Funds are should be about \$80K per Ward. Neil will be reaching out to you and schedule appoints and go through the Wards.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to adjourn?

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move.

**ALD PRUDE:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Seconded by Alderman Prude. All in favor aye?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.